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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Consumer Service

Collection Requirements Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: WIC Participant and Program Characteristics Study, 1996

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intention to request OMB review of the WIC Participant and Program Characteristics Study, 1996.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information to: Michael E. Fishman, Acting Director, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael E. Fishman, (703) 305-2117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: WIC Participant and Program Characteristics, 1996.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 1997.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: Subsection (d)(4) of Section 17 of The Child Nutrition Act of 1966,

as amended, the authorizing statute for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), requires biennial reports to Congress on "(A) the income and nutritional risk characteristics of participants in the program; (B) participation in the program by members of families of migrant farmworkers; and (C) such other matters relating to participation in the program as the Secretary considers appropriate."

FCS has completed five previous studies of WIC participant and program characteristics in 1984 (PC84), 1988 (PC88), 1990 (PC90), 1992 (PC92), and 1994 (PC94). To minimize the burden on state agencies, FCS and the National Association of WIC Directors (NAWD) collaborated on the development of a prototype reporting system which allows the acquisition of all participant data through the automated transfer of an agreed upon set of data elements, known as "the Minimum Data Set (MDS)."

FCS also gathers state-level program data as part of the Participant Characteristics data collection process. The "Summary of State Programs" mail questionnaire gathers information on State characteristics such as policies and eligibility standards in order to support analyses at the participant level. FCS is adding a data collection component—a mail survey of a representative sample of WIC local agencies. This survey will elicit information on selected features of WIC service delivery sites. FCS will use this information to prepare the biennial report to Congress and for ongoing program management.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes for the State Program Characteristics Survey; and 45 minutes for the local agency mail survey.

Respondents: For the State Program Characteristics Survey, the respondents are State WIC Directors. For the WIC local agency survey, the respondents are WIC local agency directors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: For the the State Program Characteristics Survey, 84 respondents are estimated. For the local agency mail survey, 350 respondents are estimated.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 284 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Denise Thomas, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Dated: November 22, 1995.

George A. Braley,
Acting Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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Forest Service

Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection for State and Private Forestry Accomplishment Reporting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to extend a currently approved information collection used to assess the accomplishments of agency State and private forestry cooperative programs with States and local governments.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Larry Yarger, Office of the Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, DC 20090-6090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Yarger, State and Private Forestry Deputy Area, at (202) 205-1290.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Forms

The following information describes the forms to be extended:

Titles—National Forms:
FS-3100-8, Annual Wildfire Summary Report.

FS-3200-6, Cooperative Forestry Accomplishment Report.

FS-3400-5, Forest Pest Management Accomplishment Report.

FS-3500-5, Flood Prevention and Small Watershed Programs.

FS-3600-2, Resource Conservation and Development Accomplishment Report.

OMB Number: 0596-0025.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1996.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Forest Service needs this collection of information on the cooperative programs with State and local governments to: (a) provide information to Congress on accomplishments from the use of appropriated funds, (b) provided information to better manage these programs, (c) determine minority participation in the programs, and (d) meet requirements of section 12 of Pub. L. 95-313, the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1606), which requires adequate information to implement oversight responsibility and prove accountability for expenditures and activities under the Act.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.04 hours per response.

Type of Respondents: Local and State governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated of Responses per Respondent: 5.45.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 589 hours.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 1, 1995.

Jack Ward Thomas,
Chief.

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Extension and Revision of Currently Approved Information Collection for Recreation Customer and Use Survey Techniques

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to request an extension and revision of a currently approved information collection for customer and use survey techniques for operations and management related to recreation use of natural resources. The revision will add questions to elicit information for experimental research linking recreation users' stated and actual preferences and behavior.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before February 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: J.M. Bowker, Principal Investigator, Forest Service, USDA, Southern Research Station, 320 Green St., Athens, GA 30602.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J.M. Bowker, Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Assessment, at (706) 546-2451.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

The following describes the information collection to be extended and revised:

Title: USDA Forest Service Customer and Use Survey Techniques for Recreation Operations, Management, Evaluation and Research.

OMB Number: 0596-0110.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 1996.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection and revision to include additional questions on contingent behavior.

Abstract: The data collected will be used by Government researchers to test and develop methods to assess the value of natural resources to recreational users by exploring the linkages between their actual and stated behavior. The data will be collected individually through questionnaires and respondent cards containing seven questions about intended recreation behavior. Data to be gathered in this information collection is not available from other sources.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 3 to 7 minutes per response.

Type of Respondents: Individuals participating in on-site recreation activities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 900.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 75 hours.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of this agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 1, 1995.

Jack Ward Thomas,

Chief.

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Southwestern Region: Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas and Oklahoma; Notice To Extend Public Comment Period to January 12, 1996; Final Environmental Impact Statement for Amendment of Forest Plans in the Southwestern Region

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice to Extend Public Comment Period, Final Environmental Impact Statement [FEIS].

SUMMARY: The Southwestern Region of the Forest Service published a notice of availability for public comment on a final environmental impact statement in the Federal Register (Vol. 60, No. 213, pages 55841) on November 3, 1995. This notice is issued to extend the comment period from December 4, 1995 to January 12, 1996 regarding that FEIS. The FEIS concerns Amendment of Forest Plans in the Southwestern Region, and implementation, standards and guidelines for Northern Goshawk and Mexican Spotted Owl.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective December 6, 1995.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: The Regional Forester, Southwestern Region, is the responsible official for decisions that affect Southwestern Region Forest Land and Resource Management Plans.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director of Ecosystem Management Planning, Arthur S. Briggs,